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INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR IZ TU SY

SUBJ: EUPHRATES AGREEMENTS WITH TURKEY AND SYRIA

1. RCC MEMBER TAHA AL-JAZRAWI RETURNED TO BAGHDAD AUG 19  
AND ANNOUNCED THAT AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH BOTH TURKEY  
AND SYRIA FOR SHARING OF EUPHRATES WATERS. (DETAILS OF  
ACCORDS IN FBIS) ACCORDING TO IRAQI MIN OF IRRIGATION  
THESE ACCORDS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO AVERT LIKELY  
DISASTER OF CROPS IN EUPHRATES VALLEY.

2. TURKISH AMB CUHRUK TOLD ME THAT WHAT MEDIA  
NEGLECTED TO EMPHASIZE IS THAT ACCORDS ARE ONLY VALID FOR  
22 DAYS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY RELIEF TO IRAQ.

3. COMMENT: UNUSUALLY FRANK ANTI-SYRIAN STATEMENTS SUGGEST  
THAT IRAQI BITTERNESS TOWARD SYRIA, AND TO LESSER EXTENT  
TOWARD TURKEY RUNS DEEP. ONCE AGAIN SYRIA HAS FORCEFULLY  
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DEMONSTRATED ITS CAPABILITY TO USE ITS GEORGGRAPHIC POSITION

TO HURT IRAQ, AS IT HAS IN PAST ON TRANSIT FOR KIRKUK OIL  
AND GOOD FROM LEBANON. JUST WHAT FORM IRAQI VINDICTIVE-  
NESS MIGHT TAKE IS DIFFICULT TO FORSEE. POSSIBILITY OF  
ECONOMIC REPRISALS SEEMS VERY LIMITED BUT REGIME  
MIGHT WELL ATTEMPT TO STEP UP EFFORTS TO SUBVERT REGIME  
THROUGH SUNNI ELEMENTS IN SYRIA, INTENSIFY SUPPORT TO  
PALESTINIAN EXTREMISTS, AND INCREASE PROPAGANDA AGAINST  
SYRIA'S "CAPITULATIONIST" POLICIES.

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